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In this newsletter, I want to write about five issues:

1. Qiyas results from last year (2013/2014).
2. RiyadhSchool students at Harvard university during the vacation.
3. Work hard, Get smart.
4. Enrolment.
5. Students and Teachers of the month.

1. Qiyas Results:

- Qudrat scores measures a students aptitude
- Tahsili scores measures a students achievement in certain subjects
- Entrance to university in the KSA gives some attention to school results, but for most universities Qudrat and Tahsili results are the most important.

School results	Qudrat	Tahsili
30 %	40 %	30 %

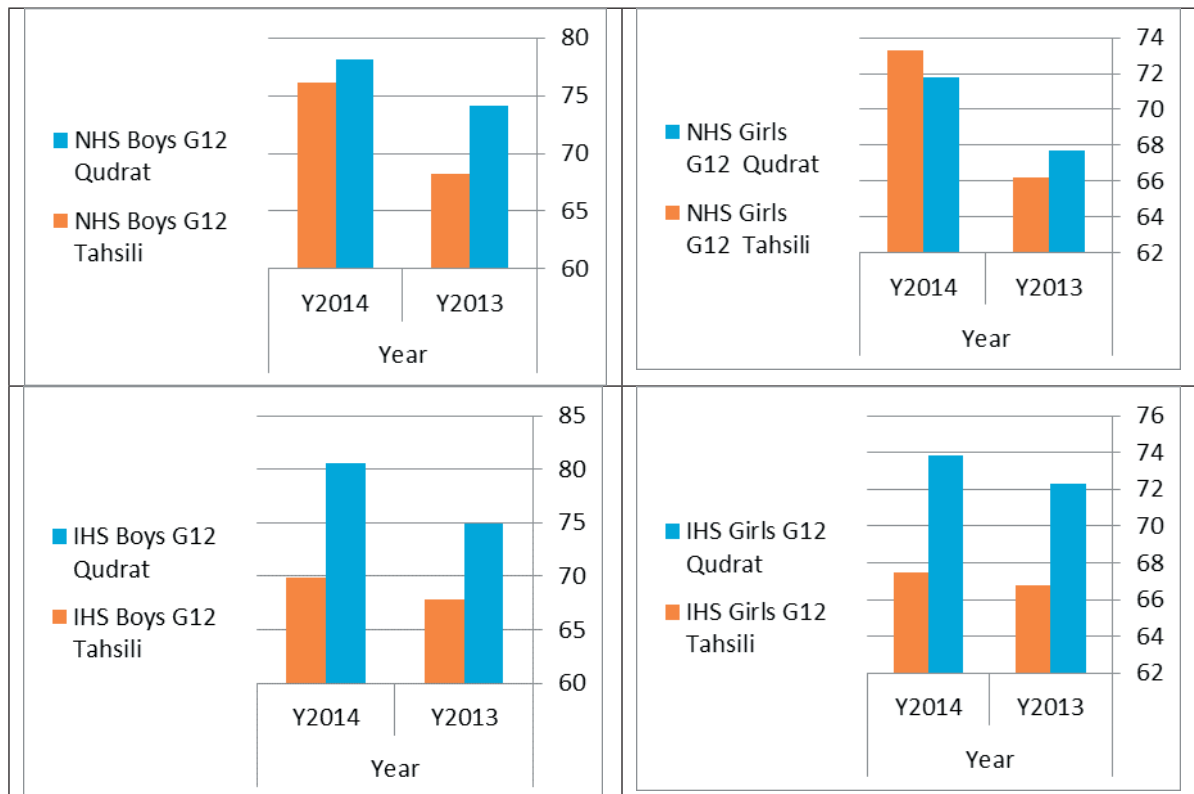
RiyadhSchools results in Qudrat and Tahsili are improving and our results in 2013/2014 were the best that our students have achieved.

All of the eight results in the scientific stream were better than the previous year. Five of the eight results show improvement between 4 and 8%.

I am very confident that Qiyas results will continue to improve in future years.

Riyadh Schools Progression in Qiyas Tests 2012 – 2013 & 2013 – 2014

School	Year	Riyadh Schools	
		Qudrat	Tahsili
NHS Boys G12	2012 / 2013	74.12	68.18
NHS Girls G12	2013 / 014	78.17	76.1
	2012 / 2013	67.69	66.17
IHS Boys G12	2013 / 014	71.75	73.32
	2012 / 2013	74.89	67.86
IHS Girls G12	2013 / 014	80.59	69.9
	2012 / 2013	72.29	66.77
	2013 / 014	73.81	67.45



2. Harvard University:

During the summer vacation, 20 students (12 girls and 8 boys) travelled to America to study at Harvard university in Boston. Each student had to choose two subjects ranging from mathematics and science to psychology and architecture.

During 7 weeks each student studied two subjects for 4 hours a day and they did mid-course and end of course examinations.

They joined normal courses studied by first year students of Harvard. Our students who had just finished year 10 or year 11 achieved marks ranging from As to Cs.

The importance of these students achievements cannot be understated. They achieved excellent results in one of the best universities in the world and they were one or two years younger than other students. Professor Richard Elmore from Harvard Universities has stated that the most marked improvement in schools occurs, when we challenge students to do their best.

Congratulation to these students, and their families. You have brought great credit to yourself, your families, your school and your country.

I would like to acknowledge and thank:

- Prince Muhammad bin Salman for creating the partnership with Harvard University and for paying the tuition fees.
- The families for supporting your sons and daughters
- Mr. Abdulrahman Al-Ghofaili the Deputy Director General and Miss Amal al-Esa the Principal of Kindergarten for accompanying the students to Harvard.

3. Work Hard Get Smart:

I have been talking to some senior students about their progress at school. A few year 12 students work too hard at home (in excess of 30 hours a week)

Some student do only a few hours (less than 5 hours a week)

I suggest that students should be working at home about 15-20 hours each week

Many students cram for examination and believe that memorization is the most important thing in gaining exams success.

These are some simple guidelines for being a good student in the senior years.

- Do all the work that a teacher sets, do it to the best of your ability, and do it on time.
- When you do not understand, ask questions until you do understand.
- Remember that hard work is more important than ability.
- Remember that.

Learning = understanding and memorizing.

Never memorize anything you do not understand.

Acknowledge that you cannot maximize your understanding if you have not memorized basic facts.

Some Other Guidelines:

- Review each night for a week before quizzes.
- Review for mid-year and final examinations for at least 8 weeks.

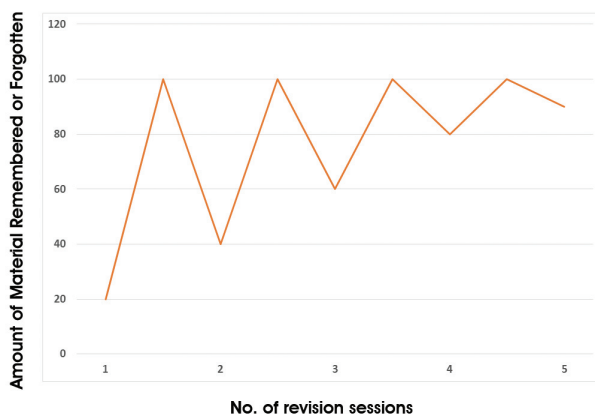
Ineffective study methods include:

- Reading textbook and notes.
- Cramming for examinations in the last week or last few days.

Effective study methods include:

- Discussing, asking and answering questions.
- Making summaries.
- Making testing summaries and using them to review.
- Doing old examination questions and correcting your answers.
- Revising materials 2-3 times if it is easy and you have some prior knowledge.
- Revising 4-5 times if the material is new and challenging.
- The revision of material (2-3) or (4-5) should be spread over a number of weeks.

The students who do best in examinations are those who are able to simulate the examinations conditions for some of their study time- i.e. test yourself.



Summary.

- Take responsibility (you and only you can do the work).
- Plan and set targets.
- Be positive and persistent (near give up).

4. Enrollment

This year's enrolment is 3549 which is consistent with our planning at the end of last year. We enrolled 580 new students and we rejected 143 applications from new students.

5. Teacher of the Month & Student of the Month

I would like to congratulate the winner of our first teacher of the month and student of the month awards.

We will hold an awards ceremony in the next few weeks for winners.

Parents of the students will be invited.

I remind the school community that these awards are given to those students and teachers who best exemplify the responsibilities of a student and a teacher.

(Boys) SOM & TOM "October"

	Subject Area	School	Name
1	Math	International Elementary	Ata Samir Abu Ali
2	English	National Elementary	Mohammad Ahmad Ali Al Twaiasi
3	Math	National intermediate School	Waleed Mousa Rahhal
4	Arabic	National high school	KHALAFALLA ALI MOHAMED HAMOUDA
5	Math	Intermediate High school	Hamzeh Sulaiman Basharia
6	English	International High School	Sami Kamel

Teachers:

Students:

	Grade	School	Name
1	5/2	Elementary International	Salman Abdulmalek Saleh Al Sheikh
2	6/5	Elementary National	Khaled Mohammed Obaid Al Salami
3	8A	National intermediate School	Darry Abdulkarim Alanizi
4	11A	National high school	Majed Omar Ba Younes
5	7A	International intermediate school	Yousef Mohamed Ahmed AL-Tayeb
6	12 C	International High School	Habib Farouk

(Girls) SOM & TOM "October"

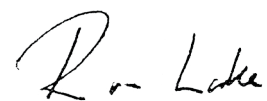
Teachers:

	Name	School	Subject Area
1	Sahar abdullhameed	Secondary- National	EX Science
2	Nojud Tayfour	Intermediate - National	Arabic Teacher
3	Niveen Yousef (1012-)	712- International teacher	Biology Teacher
4	Inshirah Kamal (79-)	712- International teacher	English Teacher
5	Huda Shaheen	International Elementary	Arabic Teacher
6	Elham Balhareth	Elementary National	Arabic Teacher
7	Hind Abdullah Alhumaied	kindergarten	-

Students:

	Name	School	Grad
1	Jood ba jouda	Intermediate - National	9
2	Tala baidas	Secondary- National	11
3	Manal Ahmed	79- International student	11
4	Zaina Enaya	1012- International student	7
5	Danna AlShehri	National Elementary	3
6	Haifa AlShebeeb	International Elementary	5

Director General



Ron Lake